



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

# President's



# Newsletter

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## TIMELY NEWS!

As we "go to press" with this Newsletter, our Chicago convention plans are being finalized, and we're pleased to report that things couldn't be looking better.

Our turnout is likely to set a record, and it appears we'll have a balanced mix of inveterate convention-goers and first-timers. Also with us from jolly old England will be Diana Crawforth-Hitchins and her husband, Leslie. Besides Diana's dual role as president of the European chapter and editor of EQM, she also will be one of our featured seminar speakers.

An additional incentive this year -- aside from the promise of good times -- is a convention first which we've aptly named our Cash Bonanza. Simply stated, it will result in some lucky member winning a \$665 cash prize, a runner-up winning \$335, and additionally, a member attending his or her first convention winning \$200 and a runner-up winning \$100. That's a total of \$1,300 being given away to herald our 13th Convention, and everyone who's with us will have a crack at being a winner.

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IMPORTANT. If, because of any last minute circumstances, you find you can be with us in Chicago on May 2 to 5, make haste to call our Convention Chairman (that's me) at 312/263-7500 and place your reservation. If we hear from you quickly, we'll gladly do what's necessary to bring you to the party.

#### TIMELY CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Until this past February, ISASC was comfortably ensconced for five years on Canal Street in downtown Chicago. However, as of this past March first, your president, with ISASC records in tow, has moved to a new downtown Chicago office. The vital statistics are listed in the 1991 membership directory, but to be doubly sure you know where we are, here's our new address, with the request you make careful note of it:

International Society of Antique Scale Collectors  
176 West Adams Street/Suite 1706  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Phone: 312/263-7500.

#### TIMELY DIRECTORY DATA.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is our 1991 Membership Directory, about as current as we can make it. For those of you with a statistical bent, you might like to know that the present membership count for the North American Chapter is 254, representing 37 states and a contingent from Canada. California, with 54 members is a runaway state winner, with Illinois and its 18 members a distant second. Nine states have earned recognition with one member, and regionally, the far West and the East Coast seem to share numerical honors.

#### TIMELY MONEY REPORT.

Also worth your perusal is our Society's current Financial Statement, provided each year by Jan Macho, our hard-working and devoted treasurer. It's straightforward and simple, the way money matters should be presented, and most importantly, it shows us comfortably in



the black, the way we prefer our money matters to be. Jan and spouse Eva will be at our Chicago convention, which just might provide an ideal opportunity for each of us who'll be there to thank him personally for his unstinting services.

TIMELY MISCELLANY.

- \*\* Early this year we heard from member Dick Hoppe of Waynesville, Ohio, who asked if we could tell him where to find information of any sort (books, pictures, catalogs, history, etc.) on major U.S. scale manufacturers, in particular, Fairbanks, Chatillon, Jones, and Landers Frary and Clark. Dick's main interest is in spring scales with hanging pans, and if they bear advertising, so much the better. Considering all the nice things he said about ISASC in his letter, we could do no less than pass along his request, so if any of you out there can help Dick in any way, we know he'd greatly appreciate it.
  
- \*\* The power of the press is never more evident than when Anita Gold, antiques editor for the Chicago Tribune (and syndicated nationally) tells her readers about us. This she did this past March 17 in answer to a question about store and farm scales, and within hours (literally), we were close to being inundated with phone calls and letters inquiring about membership and our convention, and asking whether we'd like to buy a scale or two that "has been in the family for years." Anita is one of our biggest boosters and regularly finds occasion to write about us. As you might imagine, this publicity invariably attracts collectors to us who, in turn, invariably see merit in joining. During our Chicago convention in 1984, as our way of saying thanks, we hosted Anita and her husband at our Saturday night banquet, and this year we'll again have that pleasure.

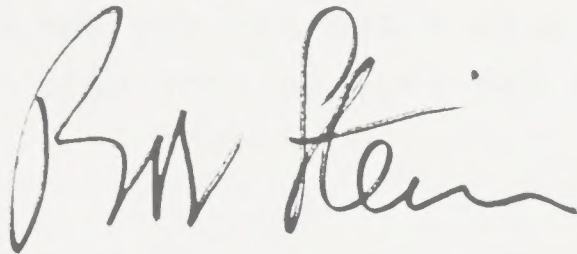


\*\* Member Lew Weiss may well deserve a medal for being our star contributor, as evidenced most recently when he sent us a Philadelphia Inquirer article of December 27, 1990, on the Henry Troemner Company, a prominent scale manufacturer since the mid-19th Century. A copy of the article is enclosed, for which we duly express our appreciation to Lew.

A TIMELY ADIEU.

We'll say goodbye for now, and turn our attention to preparing a royal welcome for all of you who are Chicago bound. All we need to make the occasion perfect is you.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. M. Stein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M" followed by the last name "Stein".